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Reply Brief

The reply brief filed 4-25-2006 has been entered and considered. As noted by the Applicant, the Examiner was incorrect to state in the Examiner's Answer that the "grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal is correct". The grounds of rejection should be the same as is listed in the rejection:

Claims 1-4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (USPN: 5,954,650) hereinafter Saito in view of Fenster et al. (USPN: 6,461,298 B1) hereinafter Fenster.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (USPN: 5,954,650) hereinafter Saito and Fenster (USPN: 6,461,298 B1) in view of Yamamoto (USPN: 6,725,215).

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (USPN: 5,954,650) hereinafter Saito and Fenster (USPN: 6,461,298 B1) in view of Rosenberg (USPN: 6,259,382).

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (USPN: 5,954,650) hereinafter Saito and Fenster (USPN: 6,461,298 B1) in view of Roberts (USPN: 6,601,055).

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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